

U.S. military members invited to free lecture/tours of the hull of the DeBraak, a shipwrecked 18th-century British warship

(DOVER, Del.—May 15, 2015)—U.S. military personnel are invited to attend free lecture/tours of the hull of [His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak](#), a British warship that was escorting and protecting a convoy of British and American merchant ships en route to the United States when it was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798.



Artistic rendition of the capsizing of the DeBraak by Peggy Kane, 1990.

Normally \$10 per person, reservations for the lecture/tours, which will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 9 a.m. and Noon, are free for current and former members of the U.S. armed forces and their families (restricted to persons aged 10 and above) with a limit of 12 visitors per program. Military

identification is required. Reservations are available only through the Shop Delaware website (go to <http://shop.delaware.gov> and click the "Tours" link). For additional information, call 302-645-1148.

All programs begin at the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del., where a lecture on the ship will be presented in conjunction with "[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#)," an exhibit that tells the story of the vessel, its crew and the historical context within which it operated in the late 18th century. Attendees of the lecture will then be transported, via van, to the DeBraak hull facility in nearby Cape Henlopen State Park for a tour of the surviving section of the ship's hull.



Visitors enjoying a tour of the DeBraak hull which can be seen in the left of the photo.

This special offering is part of the [Blue Star Museums](#) program, a vehicle for outreach to members of the United States armed forces. A collaboration of the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America, the program offers free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

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